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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING ADMISSION OF

## Chinese Students

INTO THE

*United States of America*



Group of Chinese Students—S. S. China  
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## OPEN LETTER TO CHINA

**T**HE Congress of the United States many years ago passed a law aiming primarily to prohibit the admission of Chinese laborers, which prohibition has been continued in course of time to include Chinese in general with the exception of certain designated classes, among them bona fide students.

Christian workers should get thoroughly posted in the details of this law so that they can correctly inform intending students of the various conditions required for admission to this country. When a bona fide student arrives here there should be no trouble about his landing at once, and those who are not entitled to land should be so informed and not permitted to come at all; thus saving great expense, embarrassment and hardship.

We of the Young Men's Christian Association stand ready to assist, in every way possible, any student who meets the requirements of our laws, but on the other hand we will discourage any attempt to land any person who is evading the same.

It is impossible to estimate the great benefit and advantage that Christianity, our commercial interests as well as our international relations have received from the great number of American educated Chinese students who have returned to their native land and who are now at the head of Chinese affairs, both politically and commercially.

If our people could only know and appreciate the tremendous benefit our nation is receiving from the returned students, we would have ten times as many students in our schools and universities as we now have. There is no way that the friendly relations and commercial intercourse can be better cemented and increased between the two Nations than by educating Chinese students and sending them back to China, Americans in every respect except Nationality.

The Young Men's Christian Association, typifying the best ideals of America, is glad to stand at the Golden Gate to not only welcome and assist the incoming students but also to receive from them the high ideals they bring to us.

Fraternally yours,

Robert Dollar



# Important Notes for Pros- pective Chinese Students to the United States

## **BONA FIDE STUDENTS**

Among those classes exempted from the excluding provisions of the Chinese Exclusion Laws are bona fide students. By bona fide Chinese students is meant "one coming to the United States for the express purpose of acquiring an education independent of laboring."

## **GOVERNMENT OR INDEMNITY STUDENTS**

Those students who are sent by the Chinese Government to study in America are bona fide students and are received as such by the Immigration officials in the United States.

## **PRIVATE STUDENTS**

All students other than those sent by the Chinese Government are known as private students and must give satisfactory evidence to the Immigration Authorities in the United States that they are bona fide students.

## **MEDICAL INSPECTION**

All persons, including both Government and private students, and regardless of other qualifications, must pass a satisfactory medical examination before being permitted to present for consideration their evidences as to their being bona fide students.

In order to guard against the possibility of being detained or perhaps excluded on account of disease, all students should be certain before leaving China that they are physically sound.

However, certificates of health before leaving China will not be accepted by physicians in the United States, as disease might be contracted during ocean voyage. Therefore, care should be taken on steamer to keep in good physical condition.

## LANDED FROM STEAMERS

The medical examination takes place on board the steamer while lying in quarantine, and those who successfully pass the doctors are turned over to the United States Government inspectors for the examination of other qualifications as to their being bona fide students.

Those having certificates showing that they are Government students are **landed** without further question.

## QUALIFICATIONS OF PRIVATE STUDENTS

The private student, on the other hand, must produce, in place of such government papers, satisfactory evidences of his being a bona fide student. If this is done he is landed from the steamer just the same as the Government student. But if such proof is not at hand he is taken to the Immigration Station (Angel Island at the San Francisco Port) and kept in the detention quarters pending further investigation of his case. If upon further inquiry the authorities become satisfied that he is a bona fide student he is released.

## PRECAUTION FOR PRIVATE STUDENTS

In order that all private students may be spared the embarrassment of a trip to the Immigration Station and the necessity of being detained or released on parole, the following details should be carefully arranged before leaving China:

First. Be sure and come under the provision of the "Section 6" papers". No substitute of any kind will do.

Second. Whenever possible, travel "first class". The fare first class on the "Intermediate Steamers" is almost as reasonable as the "second class" rate on the other ships. While coming "second class" or "steerage" makes no legal difference, the "first class" passengers are naturally given the first consideration by the officials and landing is thus facilitated.

Third. Most important of all is the matter of having definite information at hand for the Immigration Officials, showing proof of maintenance during the entire stay in this country as a student. The best evidence possible is a letter from the President or Registrar of the College or University to which the student is going or some equally responsible person, vouching for the student's entire maintenance without labor of any character while the student is in this country. The letter should be definite and contain no "ifs", thereby giving cause for doubt.

A letter stating the above facts from the responsible party or parties in the Orient is also of value, but the letter from the United States resident as stated above is the better evidence.

Students knowing these facts can secure such a letter before leaving China and thus save delay and embarrassment upon arrival. It is better to remain at home and take a later steamer than to come without such a letter. "Home" is better than "detention quarters", no matter how pleasant the latter may be.



Fourth. No written statement regarding the facts in the case should be given concerning the student without his knowledge and consent. He should thoroughly understand the contents of such documents that he may make his verbal statements in accord with such written facts. The law forbids the authorities to admit any applicant with "section 6 papers" whose "verbal" statements contradict the statements in the passport.

Fifth. It should be understood that no Chinese Student is allowed to work his way or even part of his way through school in the United States. Students with such intentions are attempting to enter contrary to the Chinese Exclusion Act, which forbids the entrance of laborers. This fact, if understood, will save the United States Government the painful duty of excluding such applicants and the Chinese young men and women the shame and hardships of such exclusion. We must not be party to anything that would be contrary to law. To attempt the above part-labor entrance is a semi-smuggling transaction.

### **CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY**

The Certificate of Identity is granted to all who make application for the same after landing. It is the certificate which shows that the student has the legal right to be in the United States as a student and is a most useful document, and we advise every new student to obtain one. In order to assist in securing this certificate without delay each student should have three photographs with him when he lands.

These photographs have nothing to do with requirements for admission into this country,

hence do not confuse with photographs required for passports. The Certificate of Identity cannot be obtained until the student has landed. If after landing each student must sit for the photograph, then wait until it is printed before making application for certificate, all this causes trouble, expense and delay which can be saved if each student carries with him three (3) photographs of the required size described below:

1. Unmounted of suitable quality.
2. Printed from negative that has not been retouched.
3. Full front view showing both ears, measuring one and one-fourth ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) inches from top of head to point of chin.
4. Without hat or eyeglasses.

## ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

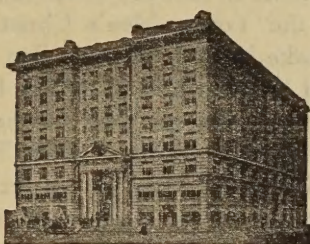
It is erroneous to feel that the attitude of the United States Government is unfriendly to students just because of the Chinese Exclusion laws. On the contrary the attitude is most friendly toward Chinese students, not only because they are excepted from the provision of the Excluding Act, but because of their evident character and worth.

The officials in charge at the San Francisco port of entry have proven themselves especially desirous to eliminate as much of embarrassment or hardship as possible and give every case their most friendly and courteous consideration.

All they ask is that the information regarding the status of the student be complete and definite, assuring them that no attempt is being made to sidestep the provisions of the law, whose guardians they are and whose authority they are sworn to uphold.



## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION PREPARED TO ASSIST



The San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association has a department whose special concern is to serve the Immigrant in every possible way. A man wearing a cap with four letters:

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plainly visible meets every steamer coming from the Orient and welcomes and assists all who are landed at the wharf. Trips are also made to Angel Island (the Immigration Detention Station), and those detained there are assisted in every way possible. If necessary we assist in getting the proper information before the officials by sending letters or telegrams asking for such facts as are lacking in the case because of ignorance or neglect.

But the Young Men's Christian Association will not assist in any case where the parties are trying to enter contrary to law in the slightest degree, and further we will, if facts are known to us, use our influence to have excluded or deported cases that attempt to get into the country contrary to law.

Our aim is to have all the necessary evidence in hand so that every bona fide student may land directly from the steamer, thus relieving him of the false view of the United States which he unquestionably receives when his first impressions are gained in the detention station.

## AFTER LANDING

After the student, whether he be Government or Private, is landed everything possible is done by the Young Men's Christian Association to make his stay while in San Francisco pleasant and to assist him in getting his proper train connections for his final journey by rail to the College of his choice. Our "Ferry Secretary" is always on hand to conduct them to the right train, and we send word to destination to have them met upon their arrival by friends.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING COLLEGES

A complete set of catalogues and bulletins of information of the various colleges and universities, showing entrance requirements and courses of study, particularly as regards Chinese students, is in the office of the Immigration Secretary at the Central Y. M. C. A. This information is at the disposal of students in helping them choose their future place of training.







## ENGLISH SCHOOL

Those who do not understand English well enough to enter the university of their choice at once may have opportunity to perfect themselves in English in the Special English Day School conducted in the San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association. Those who have already taken advantage of this training have made remarkable progress and find that they advance faster in College because of this Special English training.



Special English class of Chinese students studying English preparatory to entering Eastern universities

Any assistance, no matter how small, will be gladly given incoming students. If possible to do so send a letter to Chas. W. Blanpied, Immigration Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, San Francisco, giving full details regarding each student or send cable message to the cable address "CHISTUD," SAN FRANCISCO, using either C. I. M. or Western Union Codes and we will be at your service.